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## FOOTBALL ONCE MORE.

It was not my intention to reply to the anonymous criticism of my recent football pamphlet until I became convinced that an answer was expected from me. The reply in question, which appeared in your enthusiastic paper of date Dec. 2, is an excellent piece of English literature, but it failed completely to meet the array of facts set forth in my pamphlet. The anonymous "Junius" who penned that reply will hardly enjoy the fame of his English prototype, for the public will hardly waste the time in discovering his identity.

The statement that I singled out Auburn college as a target for criticism is untrue and misleading. The football conditions at every Southern college are one and the same, and it was necessary for me to use my knowledge of the Athletic situation at Auburn in order to give an illustration of the moral and mental degradation of our modern system of athletics. I think I rightly claim that I am an enthusiastic alumnus of Auburn College, and I would not utter a word to injure its fair prospects or cast a slur upon its excellent and honorable record.

In reply to the criticism as to the decline of scholarship at Auburn since the introduction of legalized prize-fighting, better known as football, I will give further figures in support of my contention. The first game of football was with Athens on the 22nd of Feb. 1892, without any training, and football at Auburn may be said to date from the fall of 1892. From a careful study of the college catalogues, I find that the per centage of cadets distinguished in their studies (omitting P. G. Specials and Sub-Fresh, which are excluded from distinctions) was in 1884, 32 per cent.; 1885, 30 per cent.; 1886, 27 per cent.; 1887, 26 per cent.; 1888, 33 per cent.; 1889, 31 per cent.; 1890, 23 per cent.; 1891, 21 per cent.; 1892, 25 per cent.; 1893, 18 per cent.; 1894, 23 per cent.; 1895, 18 per cent.; 1896, 22 per cent.; 1897, 12 per cent.; 1898, 21 per cent.; 1899, 23 per cent.; 1900, 26 per cent.; 1901, 21 per cent.; 1902, 16 per cent.; 1903, 15 per cent., (including 5 specials). If these figures do not show a very perceptible decline in scholarship, I give up my contention on that specific charge. The presence of lady students at Auburn College during this later football period is the only thing that has kept the later percentages up so high, and these omitted, there would be a material reduction in the above figures.

The old worn-out reply to the above is that the standard of scholarship has been raised from time to time, and whereas before 1893 ninety per cent. in three studies constituted a distinction

in the first class, that today the same grade in six studies is required.

On its face this is an excellent argument, but by reference to the Faculty Records it will be found that before 1893 those students receiving distinctions for 90 per cent. in three subjects, in 9 cases out of 10 also received the same grade in all or nearly all of their other subjects. In other words, had the present standards been in force then, the same number of students would have received distinctions.

I have been careful to eliminate the special and irregular students in the above percentages, which goes to strengthen rather than weaken the arguments set forth in my original pamphlet. There have always been special students at Auburn, but before 1891 they were assigned to that class in which they had a majority of studies. They were eligible to distinction on receiving the requisite per centage in their studies. It is true that Auburn College has many students pursuing special courses, but it is also a fact that as a general rule the special students constitute the Company K of the mental outfit.

As to the expansion of college courses, this is not denied. Yet this does not necessarily mean over-work. It means more classes, more text books, and less application to each study. The time devoted to eight subjects would more profitably be given to four. That was the old regime, and it gave better results. This expansion in college courses has gone into the public schools and the result is that the young man of today has a smattering of half a dozen subjects and has no accurate knowledge of any one.

The object of every institution of learning should be to turn out young gentlemen of high character, full attention, being devoted to scholastic attainments. This cannot be done by surrendering to the students control of athletics and discipline. President Garfield's definition of a college is: "Mark Hopkins on one end of a log and a student on the other."

If the reader desires any literature on the subject of football let him read what the late Herbert Spencer said of it, the recent utterances of Pres. Eliot of Harvard, and articles in the Independent of Nov. 26, and Harper's Weekly of Nov. 14. It is a matter of moment when twenty college boys were killed by football during the last season and none by prize-fighting.

The Washington Post of recent date said:

"Jake Smith, the heavy weight, after playing one game of Eastern football, has gone West, and declares that he would rather

meet Corbett, Fitzsimmons and Jeffries in the same ring in the same evening than continue in the game." Yours truly, L. S. Boyd, '92.

## HO! FOR ST. LOUIS.

In our last issue we commended what we thought was a movement on foot to send the Band to St. Louis. It seems that they do not need sending; that their expenses have been offered them as an inducement to accompany one of the State regiments. But what they need is a set of new instruments—which amounts to the same thing—for either expenses or instruments would call for that cold, hard stuff commonly known as coin of the realm. The instruments in use at present are getting old; if you had to keep your mouth at one of those little round holes that are so old they are wrinkled you would want a change too. You would want something that would shine without rubbing it a week—something that you would not have to hold your breath in the presence of to keep from demoralizing its appearance.

To secure the much-needed instruments in question Prof. Fullan has started a subscription list. This list has been headed by several members of the Faculty—though this need not intimidate any weak-spirited brother of the Corps into a premature donation of all his worldly possessions to the musical cause. Prof. Fullan, with the cooperation of several of the students has secured between one and two hundred dollars from the people of Opelika. As the new instruments will cost almost six hundred dollars—after the Faculty and the out-siders have gone down after the 'long green' there will still remain the collection of two or three hundred dollars to put a substantial test to the *esprit de corps* of the student body.

The Band was instituted primarily for the benefit and pleasure of the students: for the benefit of those who have a natural inclination in that direction, and for the pleasure of those who are so fortunate as to come within hearing of those musical prodigies. It was only secondarily that the Band became an accompaniment to the Military; and its first and chief aim has always been the instruction of its members in the art of grinding out music for the pleasure of the other students. Since this is so the students should show their appreciation by coming forward in double time to its support. Don't wait till the subscription paper is thrust upon you, and you haven't time to run; but be among the first to get your name on the paper, and have the honor of saying, "Here, take the money—I never did like the nasty stuff, anyways." "The Lord loveth a

cheerful giver;" and so does Prof. Fullan. The only difference is Prof. Fullan is very obliging to the "cheerful giver;" he will probably take the money whether you are cheerful or not. But at any rate the Band should have new instruments so that its trip to St. Louis will be assured.

## BASKET BALL.

At last it looks as if this great sport has at least obtained a foothold at Auburn. Success has crowned our efforts to make the gymnasium convertible into a very fair field of play. The windows have been screened, official goals erected, and the floor lined off, so that now there remains nothing but concentrated, organized interest to put out a future team representative of Auburn. For this season, which is fast getting delayed, we will be satisfied with class games and a little scrub practice. During last week a little of the latter was manifested and interest already seems to be increasing. As soon as the captains are elected and the class teams organized we will try to give the student-body a fair idea of the true sportiveness of this game. Too much cannot be expected yet while the players are unexperienced but the real thing in the material line is slowly cropping out. While quickness, agility, and accuracy are the main requisites of a good player, still strength and the best sort of lungs are indispensable, as in football.

There is always an abundant field for head-work, and especially team work.

The team that plays as one man and whose constituents understand each other is sure to come out victorious.

L. W. D.

## TENNIS.

Boys, how about tennis? Football has had its turn. Baseball is now having its turn. But there are many who play neither foot-ball nor base-ball. Why not try tennis, you of whom I speak? It is by no means a simple game. Try it and see for yourself. I refer to the playing of it, not to the rules. On the contrary the rules are very simple and easily understood, and there is no chance for a tricky evasion of these rules as in some other games, for instance foot-ball. A foot-ball man studies the rule book as if he were going to get a grade in it. Again tennis is a game which is enjoyed as much by the novice as by the experienced player. Of how many games can as much be said? Not of foot-ball surely. Of course a foot-ball beginner, a scrub player, in a way enjoys playing, but it seems to me that the trials, hardships and difficulties which meet him at every step more

than counter-balance any pleasure he may get out of it. It is the hope to excel, to play on the Varsity, that leads them on. A tennis player not only has this hope but in addition thoroughly enjoys every step of the education.

Some time this year, if nothing hinders, we are going to have a tennis tournament for the purpose of discovering who are the best players in college. There will be competition in "doubles" and probably "singles" too. To get the results of this tournament in the Glomerata it must take place some time in April, or by the first of May at the latest. So come out, boys, and practice. You have no time to lose if you intend to compete. It takes some time to get in championship form, especially if you have not played in a long time.

Several years ago Auburn was invited to participate in a tennis tournament with Tuscaloosa, Greensboro and perhaps some other colleges. But on account of some little trouble with Tuscaloosa later in the year the tournament was, I think, broken up. At least Auburn was not represented. Perhaps the time now is more propitious and we may yet meet our old rival, Tuscaloosa, upon the tennis arena.

Last year through some misunderstanding no picture of the Tennis Club was taken for the Glomerata.

This was greatly deplored and will not happen this year. All pictures to go in the Glomerata must be handed in by the last of this month, so the picture will probably be taken during the first or second week after the close of the Second Term Examinations. Perhaps when this you read, it has already been taken. If not, and you wish to be in it, you had better join the Tennis Club at once.

J. W. McCONNELL, '04.

## A HALL FOR THE ADVISORY BOARD.

The Advisory Board has decided to secure a permanent room for their meeting place; and one over the post-office has been obtained for the purpose. The fraternities have been very kind in turning over their respective halls for the use of the Advisory Board; but a permanent home is desired where all the athletic trophies of the Board may be collected. The walls of this contemplated room are to be decorated with the pictures of all of Auburn's foot-ball managers from Alpha to Omega—that is, those pictures that the walls will stand to face all the time. Besides this the room is to be made as attractive as possible with books and papers so as to prove a desirable meeting place.



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## GENTLEMEN OF THE SOUTH.

"The strings, my lord, are false"

They have vibrated to the very last echo, they have sounded to the very last stretch of woods: they have swept over the hills with their long note of tenderness—those blue hills of the Alleghany and those low red hills we love. But with all the soft touch we have given them, with all the sweet chords we have stirred—we must have fallen asleep, and like the gentle Lucius must we say, "the strings, my lord, are false."

Had we adopted the Honor System, had we dedicated it as the instrument of our honor, and then had part of us disregarded the sacredness of that instrument—falling asleep while its noble note of honor was still lingering between the hills—when we did awake to a realization that some of us had broken that instrument we would surely say that the strings were false.

We cannot conceive that such could be the case with any class; but if it should be so, if it has fallen asleep for just a little while so that it has to exclaim to the judge of all musicians, "the heart-strings of the men, Great God, are false," there is but one recourse. It is this: the instrument of that honor, since its strings are false, since its note is harsh and its tune diabolical, should be crushed—so that the class might say: "we have no music in our souls, Great God, but if we had, it should not be false."

As we say we cannot conceive of a class, or part of a class, using the Honor System as a radiant cloak to hide the dirty apparel of its misdeeds: we are sure such a state of affairs could not exist, not in the honorable class of an honorable institution. And yet if it should happen to be so, the class in question should hold a meeting and abolish the hypocritical instrument of the infidelity of some of its members, and turn the government of their good faith over to the authorities of the college.

We once said that we could hardly see the difference between the Honor System and the Exam. Pledge System; but we meant where the honor involved was considered. But there is a differ-

ence. To the dishonor involved in the breaking of one is added the taint of hypocrisy. Though the breaking of the Exam. Pledge is unpardonable, still we can conceive of a student doing so without being sent immediately to the bottom of the pit: a student who might have a mistaken idea that his welfare was set at variance with the wishes of the Faculty and that his unfortunate self had been singled out by that body as an object for spite. But to be trusted by the Faculty: to have it known that your word counts for something in their estimation—counts to that extent that you are granted certain immunities during examinations—and then to break that word, it is rather past the limit. There is but one thing then for a class to do: it is to give up the pledge broken by some of its members, and acknowledge to the Faculty that some of the class are feather-weights when weighed on the moral scale: then, if it is necessary to cheat, cheat under a clear sky unclouded by that black thing they call hypocrisy.

It is but right that the students of this college should be called gentlemen of the South; and to the gentlemen of the South honor has always been a very sacred thing, "dearer than the ruddy drops that visit their own sad hearts." The very word gentleman implies one who is gentle to his fellows, holding the purity of his mother, his wife, his sweetheart, above all things else—and the honor of his word next. Are we speaking to gentlemen of the South?

## A REPLY.

In another part of this issue we print an article by Mr. L. S. Boyd, an alumnus of Auburn now connected with the Congressional Library at Washington, D. C. He has been courteous enough to answer an anonymous contribution to the ORANGE AND BLUE of date Dec. 2. Though our policy has always been to uphold foot-ball and promote its interests, and though the aforesaid article is directed actively against foot-ball, still we are fair-minded enough to wish to hear both sides of every question and give others a chance to do the same. The article is entitled "Foot-ball Once More;" if it is right, if its argument is sound, we would not exclude it from this paper for anything in the world—if it is wrong, we trust its mistakes will be of such force as to distinctly reflect themselves in the light of their own spurious arguments.

If Mr. Boyd thinks foot-ball is the evil he says it is, we can only admire him for his aggressiveness in a matter which could hardly inspire in him a motive for attack other than the betterment of his own as well as other colleges. If he conscientiously believes foot-ball is an evil which should be exterminated, "by the knife" if necessary, he cannot be blamed for doing everything in his power to stay its progress. He may seem rather radical in his methods, but great reforms were never brought about by conservatism; and words which under conditions favorable to foot-ball may appear to be those of an extremist might be regarded from a different attitude when foot-ball ceased to be a sport.

As for the particular reply in question, "Foot-ball Once More," we think it is the work of an extremist who has adopted certain sensational measures or comparisons to promote what he probably considers a worthy cause. To illustrate his radicalism, or rather his bias toward the question, in the very beginning of his argument he characterizes foot-ball as "legalized prize-fighting." Now this phrase towards the end of his article might have appeared but the acme of his just wrath

or argument; but in the beginning as it is, without any previous warning as to its coming, it is a slight indication of the rather premature prejudice of the writer.

Mr. Boyd has been kind enough to set forth an array of figures to show that scholarship has been on the decline at Auburn since the advent of foot-ball. At first glance these percentages place foot-ball in a bad light where acquired distinctions are concerned; but on closer inspection it will be seen that the decline of scholarship, where the number of distinctions are the test, was a little greater during the span of eight years, from 1884 to 1892, the year before the coming of foot-ball, than it was the next span of eight years, from 1892 to 1900. This is the only rational way to look at the array of figures Mr. Boyd gives; and the respective declines of scholarship in the two given spans shows that his distinction-argument against foot-ball is a minus quantity, for in 1884 thirty-two per cent received distinctions, in 1892 twenty-five per cent, but in 1900 twenty-six per cent. If this shows a decline in scholarship for the first eight years succeeding the coming of foot-ball, it certainly shows a remarkable state of affairs for the eight years preceding its coming. It shows that if foot-ball is an evil there was something else existing before its advent more evil than evil itself.

In a pamphlet previously published on this same subject Mr. Boyd says that it was just as hard to make a distinction in three studies in the first class under the old regime as it is to make it in six now. In his article in this issue he says that in "nine cases out of ten" of "those students receiving distinctions for 90 per cent in three subjects the same grade was received in nearly all of their other subjects." This implies that the students of his day who made distinction received 90 per cent in five or six subjects; and by comparing this with his other statement that it was just as hard to make a distinction then in three subjects as it is now in six it will be seen that those students par excellence of his day who acquired distinction in the first class could come to this college now and make 90 per cent in ten or twelve studies. An exceptionally brilliant lot they must have been: each of our courses now would have to be expanded three, four, or five subjects added to each, to hold them down. Besides this we have brain foods galore. Have we any such thing as an anti-brain food? We would have to subject them to a diet of this.

Mr. Boyd further says "the object of every institution of learning should be to turn out young gentlemen of high character, full attention being devoted to scholastic attainments." With this we fully agree. But he still further says: "this cannot be done by surrendering to the students control of athletics and discipline;" and with this we do not agree. He neglects altogether that government which is the creation of every free people—the principle of self-government. Of course children and nations in their swaddlings should have masters—restricted always by the paternal instinct. But when those children have acquired sufficient staidness to withdraw from the paternal roof for a while at least, they should certainly be given control of part of that which so nearly concerns them. Mr. Boyd says "the object of every institution of learning should be to turn out young gentlemen of high character." If he admits that colleges attain their object, he must admit that "high character" may be manifested in the proper control of athletics and discipline, or the proper of anything else entrusted to their student government. Failing this—their purpose by education to train young men to govern themselves—they fail in all. That is, if a college cannot within itself train its students

to govern their own affairs within certain well-defined limits, it does not turn out young men of "high character," capable of governing themselves whether the law they set up, restricted and empowered by a constitution, be that of a state or a federation of states.

Finally Mr. Boyd reaches the culmination of his argument when he says "it is a matter of moment when twenty college boys were killed by foot-ball during the last season and none by prize fighting." This appears rather startling at first. No, there were no college boys killed during the last season by prize fighting; and we do not think there will be any for many seasons to come. But aside from this technical mistake Mr. Boyd did not consider the relative numbers engaged in the two sports, or, as he might style each, war en miniature. If he will do this he will find that whereas many thousands play foot-ball every season there are not many hundreds engaged in gently punching the other fellows' ribs. He will find that to hold up their end of the proportion the prize fighters would only have to injure a little finger, or perhaps make each other rather uncomfortable in spots—not even have to lay out one whole man. As for that Jake Smith, that heavy weight, his reference to foot-ball

only shows the stuff he's made of, not the stuff that composes foot-ball material; it only shows that Jake Smith met a different skill in the foot-ball "ring" from that to which he was elsewhere accustomed, and consequently seems to have been duly and direfully impressed.

As for the comparisons Mr. Boyd makes it is "a matter of moment" that the number of deaths on a certain day of a certain month of the year 1903 was 470, these deaths being devoted to an exclusive reminder within the limits of a certain patriotic country that the Fourth of July was a day to be observed and specifically remembered. The aggressiveness of the fire-cracker at certain times and under certain conditions was forgotten in the excitement of a glorious desire to remember with a bombastic appreciation the past achievements of a nation; and so many little Sammies and Tommies were deposited in the archives of rest. 470 against 19 or 20; more killed on the Fourth of July than has been killed in all the twenty-five year history of foot ball.

But aside from this comparison which would not have been brought up but to show how very sensational comparisons may be made, and how little they may be depended on as substantial argument for either side, there is no form of work or pleasure which can free itself from the accidents of fortune. And we think that when the relative numbers engaged is considered foot-ball, as a mixture of work and pleasure, will compare favorably in the death and injury list with the more serious forms of pleasure and the lighter forms of work.

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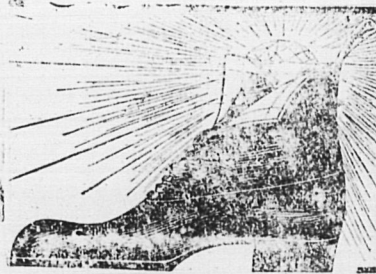
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## LOCALS.

Mrs. Dr. George Petrie has been on a visit to relatives in Richmond, Va.

Mrs. Lizzie Ross and Mrs. Edell are visiting friends in Montgomery.

Mrs. Dr. Anderson gave an informal reception Thursday night in honor of her friend, Mrs. Errol of Clarksville, Tenn. Though an informal affair it proved a delightful occasion to be invited—music and refreshments helping to pass away the time. Mr. Herndon sang several solos, accompanied by Mrs. Mary Drake on the piano; Mr. J. R. Black also gave a rendition on the piano. Dr. Anderson, Prof. Wilmore, Rev. Napier and Mr. Herndon formed an agreeable quartet for the pleasure of the others. Miss Mary Drake helped to liven things up as usual, and the evening passed away very pleasantly.

The following appointments have been made in the Military: McDuffie, Jr., Captain of Co. T. P. McElderry, Captain of Co. C.; W. S. Going, Captain of Co. K.; J. S. Chambers, Cadet Captain and Adjutant; J. D. Hudson, T. V. Herndon and L. W. Coffee, Cadet First Lieutenants.

J. W. McConnell and L. W. Coffee have been elected Captain and Manager, respectively, of the Basket Ball Team by the Senior Class.

W. H. McEniry and Joe Strong have been elected Captain and Manager, respectively, of the Senior Class Base-ball Team.

W. F. Ward was unanimously elected Captain of the Track team; he has proved the most faithful runner on the Auburn track for several years, and his action was well merited.

## FIELD DAY.

This is our next regular holiday, and is a sort of closing ode before third term examinations. On this day the individual gets an opportunity to display his ability in track athletics—racing, jumping, vaulting, etc., of which something has already been said, interest in this branch of exercise seems to be decreasing while there is no reason in the world for it. These are the sports that have held sway through almost all the history we possess and reached their zenith in the famous Olympic Games. To win the 100 yard dash then meant something, and it should still be great honor.

Let us have a repetition this year of the Festival of Olympus. If you have any ability whatever, come out and begin training now. Don't wait till the last minute. Gymnasium work and Basket ball will be arranged as well as possible so as not to conflict with any of these pursuits.

The track will be renovated at the earliest opportunity. What's the matter with breaking a few records this May? L. W. D.

## COACH VAUGHN ON BASE-BALL.

Mr. Hugh W. Wallace, Birmingham, Ala.

Dear Sir:

In reply to yours of recent date, will give you some of the inside facts in regard to Auburn's base-ball team for this season. As I was not connected with a college team last season, my knowledge of the strength of different clubs comes largely from what I can learn from those that were closely in touch with college ball during past season.

Records show that Alabama's team last year was very strong, and granting that they are as strong, or possibly stronger, this season, and considering the showing that Auburn made against them last season, and the improvement that Auburn's team has already made, there is little doubt in my mind but that Auburn will win the coming series with Alabama. Right here I might say that I have a team that will win from most any college in the South.

When I came here three weeks ago, I found a crowd of boys that knew very little about the scientific points of base-ball. I soon realized what was wanted, and went to work at once to put them through the proper course of training. The boys were very apt and paid close attention to everything I told them, until they now play a game of ball that a professional club would not be ashamed of. They are rapidly overcoming their weaknesses, the greatest of which was inability to use the stick. They are now hitting the ball like players that have been in the business a long time, and at the present are batting a hundred per cent. better than they did last season. By the time the season opens they will be the smoothest college club that ever went through the South. I will give you a line-up of the team, subject to changes.

Weems, one of our new pitchers, weighs about 175 pounds, and has plenty of speed and curves, with wonderful control. Hurt will also do the twirling and as he made a record for himself last season I hardly think it necessary to comment on him, except to say that he has made great improvement since last season. Hurt is captain of the club and when I leave for Birmingham will continue the work that I have begun.

In Perkins and Linton we have two catchers that are hard to beat.

With Mitchell at first base, Manager Hall at second, Teague at third and McEniry at short, I have an infield that is faster than that of any college team I ever saw. In handling himself on the infield and throwing, McEniry easily ranks with professionals. I will venture to say that he has any college short stop in the South beaten a city block.

Now coming to my outfield, I have in Bailey, Webb and Steele a good trio of fielders.

If at any time I see a player that will strengthen the club in any way, I shall put him on the team. With the team mentioned above I have no fear of the outcome of the games between the University of Alabama and Au-

burn. The boys all feel very jubilant and are anxiously awaiting the time when they are to cross bats with their old-time rivals, the University of Alabama, and are going to Tuscaloosa determined to take all three games.

[Editors Note.—The preceding is a copy of a letter from Coach Vaughn to Mr. Hugh W. Roberts, Sporting Editor of the Birmingham Ledger.]

## SOME PIECES OF FUN PICKED UP HERE AND THERE.

"How far is it around the world?" In girlish innocence asked she. "Oh, I will measure it," he said, "If you'll permit me to, and see." Then when his strong right arm he placed About her waist, so small, so trim, He found it wasn't very far, For she was all the world to him.

—Ex.

He wrote a love-sick note to her, And thus it ran in part, "Only 'yes' can heal the breaches Your love's made in my heart." Her answer to his plaintive note As moral truly teaches; With trembling hands he opened it And read "mend your own breeches."

—Ex.

When Adam in bliss, Asked Eve for a kiss, She puckered her lips with a coo; Gave a look aesthetic, And answered emphatic, I don't care A-dam if you do.

It is no bliss to miss a kiss, But, oh! 'tis bliss to kiss a miss; But sometimes after you have kissed her, You wish to thunder you had missed her.

—Ex.

## Speedy Mr. Herford.

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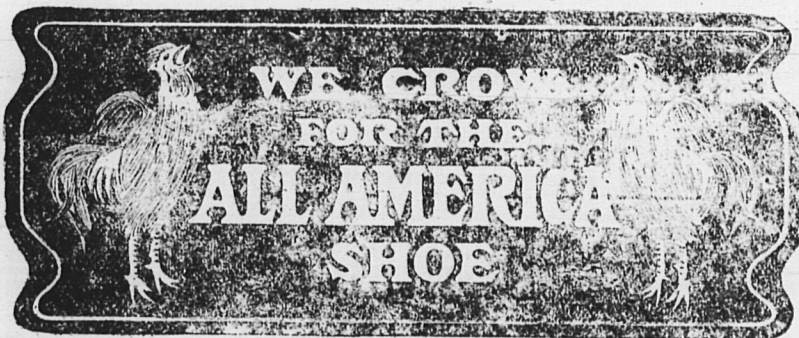
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The war is still on in the Far East. The little Jap has not succeeded in convincing his antagonist that he is the only pebble on the Asiatic beach, nor has the Russian yet convinced the Jap that he is the only potato in the European patch. It is a mutual misunderstanding as to the relative importance of the mineral and vegetable kingdoms; and after all we think the animal kingdom the best. Our correspondents have struck for higher wages, formed a Union, called it a Trust, and boycotted the Pacific Ocean. They say that sometimes the temperature is so very high around one of those Japanese torpedo-boats that you have to pack yourself in ice to keep from melting into nothing flavored with grease. This is rather an exciting state of affairs and too warm for their cold blood, they say; so they wish to secure a divorce from this paper, with alimony for life. We are inclined to give them the divorce; for they are a troublesome set, and send reliable news which shrinks into a line or so at the touch of the type-setter, when we might imagine far more sensational victories. But as for the alimony we draw the line. That implies a cash consideration of some kind; it implies that at least one Auburn boy out of every ten should subscribe for this paper, and pay for his subscription in his old age when he is animated by a kindly feeling towards his Alma Mater. That would be asking too much—too much—so we will contest the demand for alimony by our correspondents in the highest court of the land, the Supreme Circuit of the Imagination.

THE EDITORS.

To push a college paper,  
Is but very little fun,  
Especially when subscribers,  
Will not remit the "mon."  
—Ex.

The hens are in the garden,  
It makes me smile with glee;  
It's Johnson's garden they are in  
And the hens belong to me.  
—Ex.

(WITH APOLOGIES.)

You can fool some of the boys all the time;  
You can fool all the boys sometimes;  
But you fool yourself everytime  
You think you can fool the professors at any time.

In a dignified way she said Mr.,  
Because he imprudently Kr.,  
And just out of spite,  
The following night.  
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—Ex.

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